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1. FRG EMBASSY MINISTER HANSEN CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY IO BUFFUM MARCH 17 AT HANSEN'S REQUEST TO RELAY BONN RESPONSE TO BUFFUM'S PRESENTATION REFTEL. HANSEN SAID FRG APPRECIATED US INTEREST IN CLOSE COOPERATION AND HARMONIZATION OF POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. CONSULTATION HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE IN THE OECD AND ALSO IN NEW YORK. FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, THE FRG SUGGESTED 3 OPTIONS - BONN, WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH NO PREFERENCE AMONG THEM - RECOGNIZING ADVANTAGES AND

DISADVANTAGES TO EACH.

2. BUFFUM SUGGESTED A FLEXIBLE APPROACH. WHEN WE HAD WORKED OUT PRELIMINARY POSITIONS WE COULD DISCUSS THEM WITH THE FRG EMBASSY. WE WOULD HOPE THE SAME THING MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN BONN WHERE THE FOREIGN OFFICE COULD INFORM THE US EMBASSY THERE AS ITS THINKING DEVELOPS. DURING THE PRELIMINARY PLANNING STAGE, IT WOULD SEEM BEST TO CONSULT IN CAPITALS. AS THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION APPROACHES, OUR MISSIONS IN NEW YORK MIGHT CONCENTRATE ON DETAILS SUCH AS DRAFT RESOLUTIONS.

3. HANSEN SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO SUBSTANCE THE FRG AND THE USG WERE IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT AS BORNE OUT BY THE LAST SESSION OF THE UNGA, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE CERDS. IN THE GERMAN VIEW, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO PRESERVE THEIR POTENTIAL TO HELP THE LDC'S BY MAINTAINING THEIR PRESENT ECONOMIC LEVELS. THEY SHOULD BE FAIRLY OUTSPOKEN IN EXPLAINING THIS TO THE LDC'S AND POINTING OUT THEIR LIMITS.

4. BUFFUM SAID THAT THE CERDS WAS ONE TOPIC ON WHICH IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CONCENTRATE QUICKLY. THE US HAD DIFFICULTIES IN A RECENT ECLA MEETING DUE TO MEXICAN ATTEMPTS TO RELATE ALL POPULATION QUESTIONS TO THE CERDS, AND IN A UN PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE (JUNE - MEXICO CITY) WHERE THE MEXICANS HAD AGAIN MADE A STRONG EFFORT TO SANCTIFY THE CHARTER AS AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. BECAUSE WE CAN EXPECT TO BE FACED WITH SIMILAR PROBLEMS OFTEN IN THE FUTURE, THE SIX COUNTRIES WHICH HAD VOTED AGAINST THE CERDS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON FORMULAS WITH RESPECT TO REFERENCES WHICH IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO AGREE TO AND THOSE IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO ACCEPT BY CONSENSUS BECAUSE THEY MIGHT IMPLY EROSION OF OUR OPPOSITION.

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